



PATENT
29347/990488

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "B"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the official action dated April 9, 2003, the applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.